

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

*Exchanges of notes at San Salvador August 25 and 26, September 29,
and October 1, 1925*

Entered into force August 26, 1925

*Made obsolete by agreement of December 7 and 15, 1953*¹

Department of State files

The American Chargé d'Affaires to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
SAN SALVADOR
August 25, 1925

No. 61

EXCELLENCY:

With reference to our recent conversations and to Your Excellency's Note No. 1128 of August 19, 1925, regarding the proposed reciprocal waiver of fees for passport visas, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I am authorized by my Government to effect an agreement on the subject in the following terms:

The Government of the United States will, from the 26th day of August 1925, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens of El Salvador desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924;² namely,

"(1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States solely in pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation."

¹ 5 UST 859; TIAS 2977.

² 43 Stat. 153.

It is understood that from this same date, viz. August 26, 1925, the Government of El Salvador will not collect from non-immigrant citizens of the United States of like classes desiring to visit the Republic of El Salvador any fees for visas or applications therefor.

I should be glad to receive from Your Excellency a confirmation of the above understanding.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

C. VAN H. ENGERT
Chargé d'Affaires a. i.

His Excellency
Dr. R. ARRIETA ROSSI,
*Minister for Foreign Affairs,
San Salvador.*

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR C.A.
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE

NATIONAL PALACE
SAN SALVADOR, *August 26, 1925*

No. 1172

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to your kind note No. 61 of the 25th instant, and to advise you that this Ministry accepts in toto the convention as proposed in your note above mentioned, in accordance with the following tenor:

[For terms of agreement, see U.S. note, above.]

I take this occasion to renew to your excellency the assurance of my distinguished consideration and esteem.

R. ARRIETA ROSSI

Mr. CORNELIUS VAN H. ENGERT,
*Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of
the United States of America,
San Salvador.*

*The American Chargé d'Affaires to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SAN SALVADOR

September 29, 1925

No. 74

EXCELLENCY:

With further reference to the Exchange of Notes between Your Excellency's Department and this Legation, effected on August 25 and August 26, 1925, regarding the reciprocal waiver of visa fees, and in continuation of our subsequent conversations, I am directed by my Government to state that, in view of the fact that citizens of El Salvador leaving the United States are not charged any visa fees, it hopes that the Government of El Salvador will likewise not charge any fees for visas on passports of citizens of the United States leaving this Republic.

I therefore have the honor to request Your Excellency to be so good as to confirm the above understanding—which is already informally in operation—as part of the agreement arrived at between our respective Governments as a result of the Exchange of Notes.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

C. VAN H. ENGERT
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

His Excellency

Dr. R. ARRIETA ROSSI,
*Minister for Foreign Affairs,
San Salvador.*

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR
DIPLOMATIC SECTION

NATIONAL PALACE

No. 1332

SAN SALVADOR, October 1, 1925

HONORABLE SIR:

In reply to your esteemed Note No. 74 of September 29 last, the contents of which I have duly noted, I have the honor to quote below Decree No. 409 which has been issued under today's date:

"National Palace, San Salvador, October 1, 1925. With reference to the Note from the Legation of the United States of America of September 29,

and in amplification of the Decree of August 26 last, the Executive Power
DECREES: To declare free the visaing of passports of American citizens
who leave the Republic of El Salvador, in view of the reciprocity conceded
to Salvadorean citizens.

The above mentioned Note from the American Legation, together with
this Decree, are ordered published in the Official Gazette. Let it be com-
municated. (Initialed by the President)

The Minister of Foreign Affairs:

ARRIETA ROSSI."

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to you my distinguished
consideration and esteem.

R. ARRIETA ROSSI

The Honorable

C. VAN H. ENGERT,

Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the United States,
City.